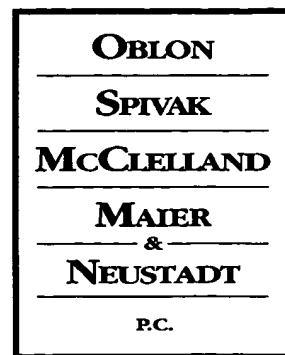




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MATERIAL

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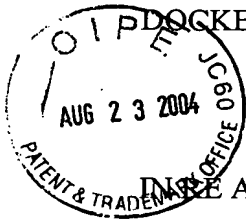
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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed July 23, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species I of embodiment 1, and note that Claims 1-3 read on the elected Species I.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election Requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

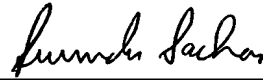
The claims of the present invention appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, Applicants also respectfully traverse the outstanding Election Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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